

Jaworski Seeks To Put New Life Into Korea Probe

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Special counsel Leon Jaworski, facing stiff resistance from Seoul and an apparent loss of support in Congress, asked members of the House Standards of Official Conduct Committee to meet yesterday in an effort to put new life in their investigation of Korean lobbying on Capitol Hill.

Sources said Jaworski wanted the panel—and later the full House—to pass a tough resolution telling South Korea to give in to demands for questioning of former Ambassador Kim Dong Jo, who allegedly made cash payoffs to members of Congress as part of an influence-buying scandal.

In related developments:

- Tongsun Park, the Korean rice dealer who has acknowledged making payments of about \$850,000 to past and present members of Congress, headed back from Seoul. He is expected to testify again to the House panel and Justice Department prosecutors.

- The Senate Select Committee on Ethics, conducting a separate Korean inquiry, decided to put off and possibly abandon its public hearings. Chairman Adlai E. Stevenson (D-Ill.) said the panel would soon issue a lengthy report on its findings and "very revealing" verbatim transcripts of testimony given by about a dozen witnesses, including Park and five past or present senators. Stevenson said he still saw no grounds for prosecution of any senators.

Jaworski's battle for testimony from Kim, ambassador to Washington from 1967 to 1973 and now a top aide to President Park Chung Hee in Seoul, was seen as critical to the House investigation. Korea officially refused a week ago to make Kim available on grounds that it would violate his right to diplomatic immunity.

Shortly after, the House decisively rejected a move to impose economic sanctions to force Seoul to cooperate. By 254 to 146, it defeated a nonbinding proposal to trim \$56 million from the 1979 federal budget for South Korea in the Food for Peace program.

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